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SUBJECT: NEW JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO THAILAND, HIROSHI HITOMI

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY JAN. 20 NAMED HIROSHI HITOMI AS AMBASSADOR TO THAILAND, VICE MASATO FUJISAKI.

2. HITOMI, 60, TOOK UP POST AS AMBASSADOR TO SOUTH VIETNAM IN APRIL 1975, ONLY TO BE RECALLED IN JULY AT INSISTENCE OF NEW REGIME. HE HAD PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS AMBASSADOR TO DENMARK (1971-73), DIRECTOR-

GENERAL OF CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA BUREAU (1968-71), CONSUL GENERAL IN SYDNEY (1965-68), ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO UNGA 1ST COMMITTEE AT JAPANESE UN MISSION (1963-65), COUNSELOR, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU (1962-3), AND PRIVATE SECRETARY TO PRIME MINISTER IKEDA (1960-62). EMBASSY IS POUCHING 1972 INR/OIL BIO FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

3. HITOMI TOLD A REPORTER LAST YEAR THAT HE "IS CRAZY ABOUT BRIDGE, GO AND GOLF," BUT "A POOR HAND."

4. AMBASSADOR FUJISAKI IS RUMORED TO BE NEW JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO LOS CONFERENCE. EMBASSY WILL APPRECIATE RECEIVING BANGKOK'S EVALUATION OF HIM.
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